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RULE 29.6 STATEMENT

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29.6, petitioners advise the Court as follows.

SBC Communications Inc., which has shares outstanding in the hands of the public, has the following non-wholly owned subsidiaries which have shares or partnership interests outstanding in the hands of the public: Abilene SMSA Limited Partnership, Amarillo SMSA Limited Partnership, Buffalo Telephone Company, Cellular Mobile Corporation, Champaign CellTelco, Dallas SMSA Limited Partnership, Decatur Cellular Telephone Company, Inc., Eastern Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership, Gainesville Development Associates Limited, Gary Cellular Telephone Company, Kansas City SMSA Limited Partnership, Lubbock SMSA Limited Partnership, McAllen/Edinburgh SMSA Limited Partnership, Midland-Odessa SMSA Limited Partnership, Missouri RSA 8 Limited Partnership, Missouri RSA 9 B1 Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City SMSA Limited Partnership, Oklahoma RSA 3 Limited Partnership, Oklahoma RSA 9 Limited Partnership, PTF/FCLC Associates (LP), PTF/GECC (California) Associates (LP), San Antonio SMSA Limited Partnership, SBMS Cellular Telecommunications Bloomington, Inc., SBMS Cellular Telecommunications Springfield, Inc., S.T.L.M. Programming Services Limited, St. Joseph SMSA Limited Partnership, Texas RSA 9B4 Limited Partnership, Texas RSA 10B1 Limited Partnership, Texas/Illinois Cellular Limited Partnership, Topeka SMSA Limited Partnership, Washington/Baltimore Cellular Limited Partnership, Wichita SMSA Limited Partnership, and Worcester Telephone Company.

On April 1, 1997, SBC Communications Inc., Pacific Telesis Group ("PAC"), and SBC Communications (NV) Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC Communications Inc., completed an agreement and plan of merger by the means of which PAC and SBC Communications (NV)

Inc. were merged into PAC, and PAC became a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC Communications Inc. PAC, formerly a publicly held corporation, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell, provide telecommunications services subject to the general jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc., Southwestern Bell Communications Services-Texas, Inc., Southwestern Bell Internet Services, Inc., Pacific Bell, Pacific Bell Communications, and Nevada Bell, which are all subsidiaries of SBC Communications Inc., have no nonwholly owned subsidiaries. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell, and Nevada Bell have publicly held debt.

U S WEST, Inc. has no parent companies or nonwholly owned subsidiaries.

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The above-captioned petition seeks review of the Fifth Circuit's judgment in *SBC Communications Inc. v. FCC*, 154 F.3d 226 (5th Cir. 1998). In No. 98-652, the parties to this Brief have filed their own petition for certiorari seeking review of that judgment. Pursuant to Rule 12.6, we support the grant of this petition in addition to our own.

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